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SUBJECT: U S HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS APPEAL FOR RELEASE OF
CGRS WORKERS

REF: BANGKOK 11547
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1. BANGKOK POST REPORTED JUNE 12 THAT ELEVEN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN THE U S HAVE JOINTLY APPEALED TO PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK TO DROP COMMUNIST ACTIVITY CHARGES AGAINST THREE ACTIVISTS FROM THE COORDINATING GROUP FOR RELIGION IN SOCIETY (CGRS) WHO WERE ARRESTED IN SURAT THANI PROVINCE IN FEBRUARY. PRESS ACCOUNT DID NOT NAME GROUPS WHICH REPORTEDLY AUTHORRED THE APPEAL. REPORT SAID THE APPEAL CAME IN THE FORM OF A TELEGRAM SENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER THROUGH THE CGRS OFFICE IN BANGKOK. TELEGRAM READS IN PART, "WE URGE YOU TO DROP ALL CHARGES WHEN THE ACCUSED APPEAR BEFORE THE MILITARY COURT ON JUNE 14."

2. CONSUL SONGKHLA REPORTS THAT RTG OFFICIALS IN SOUTHERN THAILAND BELIEVE THAT, PENDING THE OUTCOME OF A POLICE INVESTIGATION, THE CASE WILL BE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE 4TH ARMY MILITARY COURT IN NAKHON SI THAMMARAT. AS YET WE HAVE NO RPT NO CONFIRMATION THAT TRIAL IS INDEED SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14 AS STATED IN THE APPEAL. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CASE
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AND REPORT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
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